



## **LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES**

**October 10, 2012**

**BOARD PRESENT:** Amir, Brodsky, Christman, Cotter, Dickerson, J. Lewis, Neuman, Ram, Syed, Watts

**STAFF PRESENT:** B. Parker Hamilton, Director, MCPL; Regina Holyfield, Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:** Deborah Brooks, Kathleen Reedy, Kimblyn Persaud

The Library Board meeting was convened by Chair Lewis at 7:05 p.m.

### **INTRODUCTIONS:**

Introduction of Board members, Library staff and guests.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Minutes from the September 12, 2012 meeting were approved.

### **APPROVAL OF LAC APPLICATIONS:**

The LAC member applications were approved unanimously after question.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Last Tuesday, October 2, was Kevin Patterson Day. Kevin is the staff person from the Department of General Services who is assigned to Libraries. He was presented with the proclamation that declared October 2 as Kevin Patterson Day. Each branch posted a copy of the proclamation and offered its own form of tribute to Mr. Patterson.
- On October 23, Mr. Leggett will have a town hall meeting in Olney. Information regarding the timely opening of the Olney library and ensuring staff is in place was provided.
- Wednesday, October 24, 7-9:30 PM, the Wheaton Regional Park Neighborhood Association has invited David Dise, Director of the Department of General Services, to talk to the community about the proposed Wheaton Library and Recreation Center.

- Warden Robert Green, Montgomery County Correctional Facility (MCCF), held an open house, which was attended by Councilmembers Andrews, Elrich and Rice, to present the newest collaboration between the Department of Correction and Rehabilitation (DOCR) and MCPL– the Book Repair Project. Under the project, inmates are trained by MCCF to professionally repair damaged books that can then be returned to circulation instead of being discarded from the system. Six branches are currently participating in the project; all branches will begin participating in the next few weeks.
- October 8 was MCPL’s Staff Development and Training Day which was attended by Jill Lewis, Art Brodsky, Ari Brooks (FOLMC), Ellen Berman (FOLMC), and Carol Leahy (FOLMC). The topic was civility. There have been many customers who have been behaving badly towards staff. Angela Washington, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and Michael Gordy, Director of Security Services Division, were the keynote speakers who presented tools to help shut down these types of altercations before they escalate and how to stay safe at work and home.
- Sunday, October 7, was the grand opening of the Discovery Room at the Marilyn J. Praisner Library which was attended by Mr. Leggett. The Friends of the Library, Marilyn J. Praisner chapter donated \$3000. This is the only discovery room in that area of the County.
- The hiring process is continuing. MCPL is getting new staff from Charlotte Mecklenburg; New York Public Library and Fairfax County Public Library.
- The County will be introducing a mobile app that will feature the Department of Public Libraries.
- The draft Strategic Plan presentation was shared with the Board.
  - The presentation can be used for orientation, visits to outside organizations and also for our funders.
- There was a meeting with the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County (LWVMC) on Monday, October 1. Last year LWVMC did not have a position paper on Libraries. Without a position paper they cannot come out and advocate for libraries. The information gathered from this meeting will be used to draft a fact sheet on MCPL to present to their full membership in order to determine their position regarding lobbying for the Library system.
- Washington Post article by Patricia Sullivan, *After recession, Washington area libraries adapt to high demand on a tight budget*, includes a quote from MCPL’s director which was given during an interview conducted on September 19.
- The County has provided education advocacy on Question B.
- Art Brodsky will present his research on outreach to the Director’s Advisory Committee (DAC) on November 7.

## **CHAIR’S REPORT:**

- Joint Meeting agenda
  - On November 14, the annual Joint meeting with the Library Board (MCLB), Library Advisory Committees (LACs) and the Friends of the Library (FOL) will be held.
  - This meeting provides a great opportunity to network.
  - A save-the-date was sent out. A formal invitation will be sent out via email.
  - The reception will be held from 6:00 – 6:45 PM. Mr. Leggett and a number of Council members are scheduled to attend.
  - The business meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Formulate ideas to kick start our advocacy efforts.

- This is who we are and this is where we are.
  - Ellen Berman, incoming President of the FOLMC Board, will speak.
  - Director Parker Hamilton will give a state of the Library report.
  - Breakout sessions are planned in order for FOL, LAC and MCLB members to collaborate.
  - Three groups with each being assigned one of three questions which they will report on at the end.
- Other meetings - Brainstorming I and Brainstorming II
  - December 5 at Twinbrook Library, February 6 at Bethesda Library.
  - Discussion will include continuing with the joint petition and the slogan.
    - If there are ideas for new slogans please submit them.
- Citizens for Maryland Libraries Trustee Meeting is November 3, 10 AM - 2:30 PM at the Waldorf West Library.
  - Topics will include: succession planning for library boards and creative spaces in public libraries.
  - The Waldorf West Library is new; a tour will be given.
  - All Board members are encouraged to attend. Please register by October 18; send your intent to Regina Holyfield.

#### **VICE CHAIR/COMMUNITY LIAISON REPORT:**

- Many photographs from Snapshot Day have been received from the branches. Comment cards should have all been submitted by the next meeting.
- Thanksgiving Day parade in Silver Spring is November 17. The Silver Spring Library used to participate in the parade, but last year opened it up to the entire library community. A meeting will be held next week. Kathlin Smith is the organizer.

#### **MCPS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

- Andrea Christman demonstrated Montgomery County Public School system's new catalog – Destiny.
  - The top ten books as well as new arrivals are highlighted on homepage.
  - Students can search the library collection, browse the carousel of bookshelves and view book covers.
  - There is a "You May Also Like" feature.
  - Searches can be defined by author, subject, series, etc.
  - Favorites can be saved by using the "My List" drag and drop function.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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B. Parker Hamilton, Director